



Rattlesnake

(Crotalus viridis lutosus)

Great Basin Rattlesnakes can be found throughout Utah in brushy or rocky areas. It is easily recognized by its greenish-gray to greenish-brown body with a rattle on the end of the tail. Utah is home to several different species of rattlesnakes. Rattlesnakes feed primarily upon small rodents and birds. Their venom is used to immobilize their prey before swallowing it whole. When alarmed, rattlesnakes use their rattle to make a warning sound. These snakes as well as all reptiles are a protected species in Utah.